

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communication Inc. ("Verizon") and MCI, Inc. ("MCI") to Transfer Control of MCI's California Utility Subsidiaries to Verizon, which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of Verizon's Acquisition of MCI.

Application 05-04-020  
(Filed April 21, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTING  
REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

At the request of Assigned Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy, the California Attorney General has been asked to provide an advisory opinion on whether this transaction will adversely affect competition and, if so, what mitigation measures could be adopted to avoid such adverse effect. The Attorney General has been asked to respond by mid-September, with a copy of the opinion served on the Service List. The request for an advisory opinion does not imply application of Pub. Util. Code § 854(b). A decision on the applicability of § 854(b) will be made following receipt of sworn testimony and replies to motions on the need for hearings.

**IT IS RULED** that parties are put on notice that an Attorney General opinion in this proceeding has been requested.

Dated August 12, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ **GLEN WALKER**  
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Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Noting Request for Advisory Opinion of Attorney General on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 12, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID  
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**N O T I C E**

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